# IDEA Part C 1986

"urgent and substantial need to..."



#### Birth to Three Early Intervention

(Division of Management Services)

#### Child Development Watch

(Division of Public Health)

Enhance the development of infants and toddlers with disabilities and/or developmental delays

Enhance the capacity of families to meet their child's needs

How can a child and family become involved with CDW?

### Referrals are made to each local CDW office by

Parents, physicians, nurses, child care providers, caregivers, early childhood educators, community agencies, extended family members, and friends, as long as the family is aware of the referral

New Castle Kent/Sussex

302-283-7140 / 302-283-7141 (fax) 302-424-7300 / 302-422-1363 (fax)



What
happens
after a
referral to
CDW?



- A Family Service Coordinator is assigned within 2 business days
- Telephone contact is made and a home visit scheduled
- A multidisciplinary assessment (MDA) is scheduled and provided to determine eligibility
- The is no cost to the family for the MDA

#### Multi-Disciplinary Assessment

#### **Developmental Domains**

- Cognitive (e.g., problem solving, learning)
- Communication (e.g., talking, understanding others)
- Self-help (e.g., toileting, eating, dressing)
- Motor
  - Gross motor (e.g., crawling, walking, climbing)
  - Fine motor (e.g., picking up items, manipulating toys)
- Social/emotional (e.g., sharing attention in play, interacting with others)



"settings that are natural or normal for the child's peers who have no disabilities."

(34 CFR §303.18)

#### **Natural Environments**

- Determined by parent
  - Home
  - Child Care
  - Relative's Home
  - Community Setting

167 Hours



Recent research in early intervention has shown parents want their children to:

**FUNCTION** well throughout the day, in different environments

**ENGAGE** with others, build healthy relationships, and make friends

**PARTICIPATE** fully and actively in their homes and communities

be INCLUDED in activities that will help them reach their fullest potential

#### Routines Based Interview

Provides a rich description of how the concerns identified at referral affect the child's functioning throughout a typical day

#### Identifies family-level needs

not just child deficits determined through assessment

Match between the domains of the environment, or routine, and the abilities and interests of the child

not directed by interventionists' therapeutic goals

Assisting family members and caregivers to enhance children's learning and development through

Infants and toddlers learn best through everyday experiences and interactions with familiar people in familiar contexts.

IFSP outcomes must be functional and based on children's and families' needs and family-identified priorities.

everyday learning opportunities

The family's priorities, needs and interests are addressed most appropriately with representation from a knowledgeable team and community support.

What intervention services look like



## How many children do we serve?

### Who to contact:

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#### July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Time Periods	Caseload	Assessments Only	Sub-total
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016	1616	404	2020
Exited during reporting period			1025
TOTAL			3045
Delaware Birth to Three Child			33,099
Population 2015*			
Percent of Population Served			9.20%

